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- 1. AT HEADS OF DELEGATIONS MEETING ON JUNE 9, SECRETARIAT (MARRIS) REPORTED ON STATUS OF CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENT ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES AND PLANNING FOR ITS HANDLING DURING MINISTERIAL MEETING. REFERENCES IN THE DISCUSSION WERE TO TEXT OF DOCUMENT ISSUED AS ANNEX TO C(78)94 (FINAL), WHICH TRANSMITTED REFTEL B.
- 2. MARRIS RECALLED THAT AS RESULT OF MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON MAY 29 -30 (REFTEL A), ONLY TWO PARAGRAPHS REMAINED IN BRACKETS, NAMELY PARAGRAPH 15 ON AGRICULTURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY, AND PARAGRAPH 8 (VII) REGARDING NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. ON PARAGRAPH 15, MARRIS NOTED THAT ONLY TWO COUNTRIES (FRANCE AND BELGIUM) HAD BEEN OPPOSED TO INSERTION OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WITH ONE OTHER DELEGATION (DANES)NOT YET HAVING PRONOUNCED ITSELF. MARRIS REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON OUTSIDE OF THE OECD (OBVIOUS REFER-

ENCE TO EC IN BRUSSELS) HAD NOT YET LED TO ANY CLEARCUT RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OR OF ANY PROPOSAL ON ANY NEW TEXT. MARRIS URGED THAT FURTHER APPROPRIATE DISCUSSIONS BE HELD AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES AT THE OECD AND THAT ANY NEW PROPOSALS ON PARAGRAPH 15 SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ON PARAGRAPH 8 (VII), HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FRENCH OBJECTION. HE ASKED THE FRENCH TO LET THE SECRETARIAT KNOW SOONEST ON WHETHER THIS OBJECTION COULD BE LIFTED.

3. MARRIS NOTED THAT THE PRESENT TEXT OF THE ANNEX TO C(78)94 (FINAL) REPRESENTED THE SECRETARIAT'S BEST UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED AT THE AD HOC MEETING ON MAY 29 - 30. IF DELEGATIONS HAD ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS TEXT, SECRETARIAT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THEM IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW THE POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT TEXT WHICH HAS BEEN SET FOR 10 A.M. ON JUNE 14 (REFTEL C). MARRIS, WHO WILL BE CHAIRING THIS MEETING, SAID THAT THIS OCCASION SHOULD BE LOOKED UPON AS A FINAL REVIEW OF ANY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE WITH THE TEXT. POLITICAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS U.K. OBJECTION TO HAVING A TEXT OF THIS KIND APPROVED BY THE MINISTERS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE MINISTERS THEMSELVES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL C, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER COMMENTS THAT U.S. MAY HAVE ON TEXT AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL B. SALZMAN

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